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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the below listed paragraphs as follows:

[0010] In another aspect, the respiration system may comprise two bellows, wherein the harness is sized so as to maintain the two bellows in a position at a location where the user can compress the two bellows between their inner upper arms and torso. In addition, the harness may be sized so as to maintain the at least one bellows immediately adjacent the user's right and left arm pit. Also, the harness may comprise a front strap connected between the two bellows across the front portion of the operator's torso and a rear strap connected between the two bellows across the rear portion of the operator's torso, and wherein the front strap comprises a locking device that is detachable and reattachable so as to allow the operator to remove the harness. Furthermore, the locking device may be selected from the group consisting of a Velcro hook and loop clasp, a button, a snap, a hook, and a buckle.

[0015] In addition, the system may further comprise a harness that is adapted to be secured to the operator's torso, wherein the harness may comprise a right shoulder strap that rests on the operator's right shoulder, a left shoulder strap that rests on the operator's left shoulder, a front strap that crosses the operator's chest, and a rear strap that crosses the operator's back. The first bellow may be attached to the right shoulder strap of the harness and the second bellow is attached to the left shoulder strap of the harness. The front strap of the harness may comprise a locking device that is detachable and re-attachable so as to allow the operator to wear the harness, wherein the locking device may be selected from the group consisting of a Velcro hook and loop clasp, a button, a snap, a hook, and a buckle.

[0035] As illustrated in Figures 1, 2, the respirator bellows 104a, 104b are attached together via the front and rear mounting straps 110c, 110d of the respirator harness 109. In particular, the distal ends of the front mounting strap 110c are attached to the front portions of the respirator bellows 104a, 104b so as to cross adjacent the front side of the torso 114, and the distal ends of the rear mounting strap 110d are attached to the rear portions of the respirator

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bellows 104a, 104b so as to cross adjacent the rear side of the torso 114. In one embodiment, the mounting straps 110 are configured to be worn by the operator 112 like a vest or jacket that can be secured with a locking device 138, such as a buckle, button, hooked clasp, snap, or Velcro hook and loop clasp. For example, the front or rear mounting strap 110c, 110d may be adapted to separate into at least two sections along its length so that the locking device 138 can be used to re-attach the separated sections in a manner similar to that of a belt buckle. As a result, the locking device 138 allows the operator 112 to wear the harness in a manner so as to readily mount and dismount the respirator harness 109 to and from the torso 114.